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European Subscribers to the  
Hongkong Telegraph are, from  
1st October, 1895, insured for  
the sum of \$1,000 against Fatal  
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THIRTY DOLLARS  
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## Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.  
AUTORISED CAPITAL ..... \$1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,185,500  
PAID-UP ..... \$669,500

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.  
INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.  
On New FIXED DEPOSITS —  
For 12 Months ..... 2 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 3 " ..... 3 "  
DEPOSITS RENEWED ON OLD TERMS.  
J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... \$800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$800,000  
HOLDER'S LIABILITY OF SHARE

..... \$800,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" 6 " ..... 5 " ..... 5 "

" 3 " ..... 3 " ..... 3 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND ..... \$5,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

A. McCOWAN, Esq., Chairman.  
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MANAGER:

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LONDON BANKERS — LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG — INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.

per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,

Hongkong, 15th February, 1895.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 PER  
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital ..... \$300,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

H. Stoltefort, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager:

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months, 5 per cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895.

## Intimations.

## BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG HOTEL—PRAYA.

Sole Eastern Agents for  
SPINDLER GRIP ARMoured HOSE.  
SNOWDON, Son & Co. "SNOW  
DRIFT" MANUFACTURER.  
THE NEW WIRE WOVS ROOFING CO.  
THE ALUMINUM AND GENERAL  
FOUNDRY CO.

BELL'S METALLIC and ASBESTOS PACKINGS are unequalled for both Compound and Triple Expansion Engines.  
COTTON PARAGON PACKING, TUCK'S PACKING and all kinds of jointings kept in stock.  
SPECIALLY MADE CLOTH FOR FILTERS.

ENGINE AND CYLINDER OILS.

W. JACKSON, Manager.

## KIRIN BEER.

BREWED IN YOKOHAMA

BY THE

JAPAN BREWERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

PER CASE OF 4 doz. qts. .... \$10.00.  
" " 8 " ptv. .... \$15.00.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,  
SOLE AGENTS.

## THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

Nos. 12, 13 and 15 Central Market.

TR. POUR.

VEAL SAUSAGES 25 Cents per lb.  
BOLOGNA SAUSAGES 30 Cents per lb.

NOT SHIPPING AND COAST PORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

J. TATAM,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1895.

NOTICE.

## GANDE PRICE & CO., (OF SHANGHAI)



WINE, SPIRIT, ALE, STOUT AND

MINERAL WATER MERCHANTS.

TRADE MARK. 洋行

Hong Name: YUEN WO.

HAVE OPENED A BRANCH-HOUSE AT.

TELEPHONE, No. 135.

## NO. 28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

SAMPLES AND PRICE LISTS ON APPLICATION.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1895.

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## BRAUN'S "EXPORT" BEER

IS NOW SUPPLIED TO THE FOLLOWING HOTELS.

THE HONGKONG HOTELS,  
THE NEW VICTORIA HOTEL,

THE PEAK HOTEL,

AND THE

VICTORIA HOTEL (CANTON).

Ask for it and be sure you get it.

THE SEATTLE BREWING & MALTING CO., CHINA-JAPAN AGENCY.

Head Office — 8, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong.

For price and terms, apply to

THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1895.

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## KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

FANCY NECESSITIES.

PHOTO ALBUMS, SMOKERS CABINETS,

PHOTO CASES, CIGARETTE CASES,

WRITING CASES, CIGAR CASES,

LETTER CASES, JEWELS BOXES,

CARD CASES, SCENT BOTTLES.

QUOTE FRESH AND VERY CHEAP.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1895.

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EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

## JASTRAM'S PATENT GOLDEN MEDAL PETROLEUM ENGINES

OF 3 to 12 H.P.

FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.

A Working Stationary Engine, and a Launch with a 4 H.P.

Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

SCHEELB & CO., HONGKONG,

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

NO. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1895.

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JUST LANDED

FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.

Comprising: Crystallized Fruits, Burnt Almonds, Cocoines, Almonds Flots, Apricotines, Marzipan Almonds, &c., &c.

CADEBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS:—

Vanilla Creams, Honey Creams, Caramels, Nougat Patisse, Pineapple Chocolate, Chocolate Walnuts, Plush Bages, Fluff Boxes and Fancy Boxes, &c., &c.

" TANSAN," the New Japanese Table-Water which contains 8 per cent. more iron carbonate than that from any other Chalybeate Spring.

FLETCHER & CO.

" THE PHARMACY."

at Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong, 10th October, 1895.

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NO. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1895.

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THE CLUB HOTEL,

5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

FOR SALE.

(1)

G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

(1)

In cases of 2 doz. pints ..... \$33 per case.

" do 1 n. quarts ..... \$33 "

SHEWAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1895.

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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFAC-

TURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(1)

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the COMPANY'S OFFICE, NO. 9 PRAYA CENTRAL, VICTORIA, ON

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1896.

## To-day's Advertisements.

A PUBLIC MEETING  
TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY  
OF THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
WILL BE HELD  
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 4TH MARCH,  
AT 3 P.M.,  
THEATRE, CITY HALL.

The Chair will be taken by the Hon. W. M.  
GOODMAN, Acting Chief Justice.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

## OVIDE MUSIN.

### GRAND CONCERT.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

Under the distinguished Patronage,  
and in the Presence of  
H.E. Sir WILLIAM RORISON, K.C.M.G.

TO-MORROW,  
(WEDNESDAY) the 4th March, 1896.

ARTISTS.—  
OVIDE MUSIN,  
Violin Virtuosa,  
ANNIE LOUISE MUSIN,  
Coloratura Soprano,  
EDWARD SCHAFER,  
Pianist.

PROGRAMME:  
PART I.  
1. Rondo (B minor) for Piano and Violin. Schubert  
Introduction.  
Allegro.

EDWARD SCHAFER and OVIDE MUSIN,  
2. La Marchande d'Oléaux.....J. Bell  
ANNIE LOUISE MUSIN

3. (a) Minuet .....R. Castro  
(b) Value Caprice .....Strauss-Tarig  
EDWARD SCHAFER.

4. (a) Andante .....Pierrot  
(b) Serenade .....Pierrot  
OVIDE MUSIN.

PART II.  
5. (a) "The Double Log" .....Meyer-Helmut  
(b) "Sousou men C'est" .....Paladilhe  
ANNIE LOUISE MUSIN.

6. Non Più Cor for Violin alone .....Paganini  
OVIDE MUSIN.

7. Hungarian March .....Kowalski  
EDWARD SCHAFER.

8. Cuban Serenata for Soprano, with Violin  
Obligato .....C. Meneses

ANNIE LOUISE MUSIN and OVIDE MUSIN.

TICKETS now on Sale, at W. ROBINSON  
& Co's.

PRICES:—\$3, \$2 & \$1.

W. B. EDMISTER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [448]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that the SALE OF MATERIAL within the RESUMED AREA of TAIPINGSHAN, published in Government Notification No. 67 of the 16th February, is hereby CANCELLED.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [446]

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 1892

AND  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
ALEXANDER MUIRHEAD, OF NO. 2,  
PRINCE'S STREET, WESTMINSTER, LONDON,  
ENGLAND, AN INVENTOR, DOCTOR OF  
SCIENCE AND ELECTRICAL ENG, NEAR  
LETTERS PATENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE  
USE WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG OF  
AN INVENTION FOR "IMPROVEMENTS  
RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION  
OF SIGNALS THROUGH SUBMARINE  
TELEGRAPH CABLES," FOR WHICH  
HER MAJESTY'S LETTERS PATENT WERE  
GRANTED ON THE 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 1894,  
TO THE SAID ALFAXANDER MUIRHEAD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
PETITION, SPECIFICATION and  
DECLARATION required by the above cited  
Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of  
the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it  
is the intention of the said ALEXANDER  
MUIRHEAD by MATTHEW JOHN DENMAN  
STEPHENS, his duly authorized Agent and  
Attorney, to apply at the Sitting of the Executive  
Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS  
PATENT for the exclusive use within the said  
Colony of Hongkong of the above-named  
Invention AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO  
GIVEN that a Sitting of the Executive Council,  
before whom the matter of said Petition will  
come for decision, will be held in the Council  
Chamber, at the Government Offices, Victoria,  
Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 16th day of March,  
1896, at 9 A.M.

Dated the 29th day of February, 1896.

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS,  
18, Bank Buildings, Hongkong,  
Solicitor for the said

ALEXANDER MUIRHEAD.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 1892

AND  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CHRIS-  
TIAND SCHWEITZER, OF EINWIL  
(MEURTH & MOSELLE), IN THE  
REPUBLIC OF FRANCE, ENGINEER, FOR  
LETTERS PATENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE  
USE WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG OF  
AN INVENTION FOR "IMPROVEMENTS  
IN OR CONNECTED WITH FLOUR  
MILLS," FOR WHICH HER MAJESTY'S  
LETTERS PATENT No. 729 WERE GRANTED  
ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1895, TO  
THE SAID CHRISTIAND SCHWEITZER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
PETITION, SPECIFICATION and  
DECLARATION required by the above cited  
Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of  
the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it  
is the intention of the said CHRISTIAND  
SCHWEITZER by MATTHEW JOHN DENMAN  
STEPHENS, his duly authorized Agent and  
Attorney, to apply at the Sitting of the Executive  
Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS  
PATENT for the exclusive use within the said  
Colony of Hongkong of the above-named  
Invention, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO  
GIVEN that a Sitting of the Executive Council,  
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Solicitor for the said

CHRISTIAND SCHWEITZER.

## To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED,  
FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship,  
"WOOSUNG."

Captain Jones, will be despatched TO-  
MORROW, the 4th instant, at 3 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Steamship,

"CENTAUR."

Captain Williams, will be despatched on

THURSDAY, the 6th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR TIENSIN, VIA SWATOW.

THE Steamship,

"KWEIVANG."

Captain Dawson, will be despatched on

THURSDAY, the 6th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO LONDON.

THE Steamship,

"BORNEO."

Captain L. M. Wibmer, R.N.R., will leave for

the above place on THURSDAY, the 5th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ALF. WOOLLEY,  
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship,

"GLENFRUIN."

Captain Darke, R.N.R., will be despatched as

above on THURSDAY, the 5th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW.

THE Steamship,

"KASHING."

Captain Hopkins, will be despatched on

FRIDAY, the 6th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship,

"FOOTING."

Captain Gyles, will be despatched on SATUR-

DAY, the 7th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI  
AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

"SHANGHAI."

Captain J. Cowle, R.N.R., will leave for the

above places on or about WEDNESDAY, the

11th instant.

For Freight or Passage apply to

ALF. WOOLLEY,  
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND  
PORTS and taking through Cargo to

ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,  
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship,

"GUTHRIE."

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the

above Ports on or about the 15th instant.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for

Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber

which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions

throughout the voyage.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon

are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Bazaar.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their

Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining

on board after 4 P.M. of the 6th instant, will

be landed at Consigee's risk and expense into

Godown at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be consigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [443]

THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
REBELLION IN CUBA.

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1896.

stated, well and very favourable known. On this somewhat extended tour we wish him good health and all prosperity, and at the same time advise all who enjoy good music to avail themselves of the present opportunity to be present a concert where the highest talent, graceful execution, and infinite renditions are sure to be the leading features of the performance.

## THE KOREAN TROUBLES.

### MURDER OF A MINISTER.

### RENEWED RISINGS.

### KING STILL AT RUSSIAN LEGATION.

A Seoul dispatch of the 19th inst. states that Mr. Gyo Inchi, the newly-appointed Korean Minister of Finance, has been murdered. The situation in Seoul appears to be regarded as very critical, and an attack upon the Japanese Settlement was feared on the night of the 16th inst., but precautions were taken, and the night passed over in safety.

According to news reaching Tokio, the King of Korea and his Ministers still remain at the Russian Legation, notwithstanding that an Edict has been issued announcing an immediate return to the Palace. It is also reported that the Korean Government has asked Mr. Komura, the Japanese Minister, to remove the Japanese soldiers to some distance from the Palace, so it would appear probable the King has delayed his return because the faction in power fears a counter-revolution aspired by the Japanese. There is already said to be friction among the members of the new Korean Ministry, which appears likely to break up before many days are over.

Our own correspondent, in a letter dated Seoul, the 16th inst., received this morning, also states that the King and the Crown Prince were still the guests of the Russian Legation on that date. There is not likely, he believes, to be any change in the arrangement by which Mr. Speyer will relieve Mr. Hittozo at Tokio during the latter's absence in Russia; J. M. Waeter will be Chargé d'Affaires during Mr. Speyer's absence. He adds that there is a most bitter feeling in Seoul against the Japanese, it being unsafe for the latter to venture beyond their Settlement after sundown.

Fifty police have been ordered to leave Tokio for Seoul, as an additional protection for the Japanese Legation.

Count Ito had a long conference with Mr. Goto at the premier's official residence on Friday afternoon.

According to a dispatch which has reached Tokio from Fusan, the Japanese gendarmes who were recently sent to the district of Ri-shin encountered there a strong body of Korean insurgents. Desperate fighting took place, the result of which does not seem to have been known when the telegram was dispatched.

Two or three of the ex-Ministers or officials denominated by the first Royal Edict have managed to reach Japan safely, arriving at Ujima yesterday by the *Otaru-maru*.

It is rumoured at Fusan, according to one telegram, that British war-ships are gathering in the neighbourhood of Port Arthur. How Fusan should know, with the cable interrupted, what is occurring in the vicinity of Port Arthur is not stated.

A Fusan telegram of the 22nd inst. reports that the insurgents at Chhang-ju are from a thousand to fifteen hundred strong and have a number of guns. The insurgents at Chhang-ju on fire, and a powder magazine there blew up with a tremendous report. It is not known if any persons were killed. For eight miles in the vicinity of Chhang-ju the telegraph wires have been completely destroyed.

A dispatch from Seoul of the 15th inst. states that the Japanese residents in the districts of Kai-Song in Kung-kuo-han have been instructed to return to the settlements. At Yo-ju four Japanese soldiers have been killed. Between Seoul and Kaka the telegraph lines for about 15 m. have been destroyed by the rioters, who at the time of the dispatch were reported to be very powerful.

The *Miyako Shimbun* states that according to a telegram which has been received from London "at a certain place" (presumably the Government offices), public opinion in England with regard to the *coup d'état* in Korea has not yet had any definite expression owing to the meagreness of the intelligence. The *coup d'état* is believed to have been part of the Russian policy, and such news as had arrived created much excitement. Most of the papers insist on decided steps being taken, if necessary, in order to maintain British interests in the North Pacific. No "important comment" has yet appeared in the *Times*. At the time of telegraphing it was not known what opinion had been expressed on the Continent, so that no change had taken place in the markets.

According to the *Yomiuri*, the Russian soldiers at Seoul drill in the streets, and the utmost vigilance is shown in guarding the Legation. Passports are necessary to go anywhere near the Legation, where the King still remains, and a number of soldiers and police are kept on duty only.

### FOOCHOW NOTES.

FOOCHOW, February 22nd.  
The Russian cruiser *Zabotska* left here on the 16th inst. for Shanghai, and H.M.S. *Suffolk* for Hongkong on the 18th inst. The French cruiser *Aigle* is the only man-of-war in port, and she is, we understand, to leave immediately.

"Spectator" sends the following interesting jottings to the *Echo*—

A few days ago one of the oldest native clergy, men of the American Methodist Mission returned to Foochow from a tour through the Kucheng district and reported the people were everywhere quiet, and that they showed unusual kindness of feeling in speaking of the missionaries who until lately were working among them. So general were the expressions of good will that he felt confident that if missionaries were to go there now they would be received most cordially. Whenever he went people in any way connected with the churches told him that the whole district was under great obligations to the foreigners, for through their work the Vegetarian sect, in Kucheng, was utterly destroyed. Before the work of the Commission began the people had been living in abject terror; they were powerless to defend themselves, the officials were equally helpless, and that they are now able to live in peace, they attribute entirely to the energy and persistence of foreigners. This is certainly encouraging, and augurs well for the peace and safety of the missionaries who may hereafter live in the Kucheng district.

A very different report is brought from the neighboring district of Ning-Nang. It seems that there the literati and gentry are in sympathy with the Vegetarians, and the bitterest feelings are entertained toward foreigners. It will evidently not be safe for missionaries to travel much in that region for some time yet.

Whatever be the cause it is very evident that since the Commission forced the Viceroy to execute the most flagrantly guilty of the Hwa-Sang murderers there has been a great rush to the churches in several districts in the northern half of the province. A few days ago a report came that about forty villages in the Shantou Prefecture had decided to join the American Board Churches there, and two members of the Mission will leave here in a few days to see

what are the reasons for the movement, and what the motives are which induce so many to wish to become Christians. The same desire to be connected with the churches is showing itself in the Dlong-Lok district, south-east of Pagoda Anchorage, and in several places in the immediate vicinity of Foochow. So far as investigated, the reason for this sudden movement seems to be a growing conviction that the future is with the foreigners. Many on being questioned refer to the victory of the Japanese in the late war, and attribute it to their adoption of foreign schools, and foreign methods generally. What gave success to the Japanese so small as Japan over a country so large as China, is felt by them to be the great thing now needed by themselves, and the church being one of the most conspicuous of foreign agencies naturally attracts their favourable attention. Some such feeling as this, rather than any intelligent conviction of its intrinsic excellence, is probably the motive now leading them to a favorable consideration of Christianity.

Another sign of the times, whatever be its value, is the great increase in the number of applicants for admission to the schools which teach English. The number of those who have already applied for admission to the Anglo-Chinese College is unprecedented, and the managers of the school are greatly embarrassed for lack of accommodation. A new English school is about to open in the city under purely Chinese auspices. Notices of the opening are out already, a teacher has been engaged in Hongkong, and everything will be done for the reception of pupils about the 20th of the current month.

A like activity is being shown in endeavours to increase the facilities for travel on the river between Foochow and Shu Kao. Already two companies are bidding for the Viceroy's permission to run steam launches between these two places, and one of them is said to have offered His Excellency ten thousand dollars toward the endowment of one of the Chinese Colleges in the city. There is an abundance of capital ready to be invested in this way, and it is said that the Viceroy relishes from giving the desired permission only because of his fear that if the privilege is extended to Chinese it will be claimed and exercised also by foreigners. It is to be hoped that he will soon overcome his fears, and by permitting the running of launches save the time, and add immensely to the happiness of the multitude who travel to and fro between Shu Kao and the provincial capital.

### LATE TELEGRAMS.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 25th.  
The Czar, in an audience to Prince Ferdinand the despatch of Count Katseff of Bulgaria to act as his representative at the baptism of Prince Boris, says that Russia is prepared to forget the past and restore friendly relations between the two countries.

BERLIN, February 26th.  
In the Reichstag, Prince Hohenlohe stated that he was informed that there was no prospect of an early re-opening of the Indi-Mini. Germany, he said, does not consider it expedient to take the initiative in convoking a Monetary Conference.

LONDON, February 27th.  
The *Times* states the transfer of Bechuanaland to the Chartered Company is revoked, and that country will be restored to Imperial rule.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 28th.  
Mr. Sexton has been elected leader of the Irish Party in the place of Mr. Justin McCarthy. Sir F. Scott and Staff, including Prince Christian, have sailed from Cape Coast Castle homeward bound.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 29th.  
The Young Turkish party are again showing signs of activity here. Several of them have been arrested, including Mahmud Bey, a son of Ghazi Ahmed Mukhtar.

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